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## PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.47(b)

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.47(b), applicant hereby requests that the above-identified application be accepted as a complete application.

The present application names Richard Ferrant (hereinafter, "Mr. Ferrant") as a joint inventor with François Jacquet, and claims priority under 35 USC §365(c) to French Patent Application No. 00/17294, filed December 29, 2000. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney (originally filed in the grandparent case Serial No. 00/17294) is enclosed herewith.

As evidenced by the attached copies of the letters, memorandums, and e-mail communications dated September 9, 2003, September 19, 2003 and October 7, 2003, the Notice of Acknowledgement of Registered Mail, mailed on November 9, 2001 and October 11, 2003, the Federal Express package mailed on June 23, 2004 with confirmation of delivery and the follow-up e-mail of July 16, 2004, correspondence sent to the last known correspondence address of Mr. Ferrant have not been successful in obtaining signed documents. The attempts to reach Mr. Ferrant by mail, registered letter, e-mail and Federal Express emphasize the diligent effort made to locate Mr. Ferrant and to obtain his signature on a Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application in the above-identified patent application. Despite this diligent effort, Mr. Ferrant has not responded.

Attached hereto is a copy of the signature page of Mr. Ferrant's Employment Agreement (the "Employment Agreement") with STMicroelectronics S.A.. According to this Employment Agreement, executed by Mr. Ferrant on June 27, 2000, Mr. Ferrant agrees, in writing, that "...the

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